

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2647**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Swanson**

February 24, 2012

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An act relating to career technical education.

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AB 2647, as introduced, Swanson. Career technical education.

Existing law authorizes various career technical education programs, including regional occupational centers and programs, specialized secondary programs, partnership academies, and agricultural career technical education programs.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would raise awareness of the career training resources available to high school pupils, and would set forth related findings and declarations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
- 2 following:
- 3 (1) As the state and the nation move fully into the green
- 4 economy, there is a unique opportunity to align the various training
- 5 programs offered in high schools, community colleges, and other
- 6 postsecondary institutions, in order to provide clear pathways to
- 7 quality employment and career opportunities in the growth sectors
- 8 of the economy. While this alignment is necessary for all young
- 9 people in California, it is especially critical for boys and young

1 men of color, far too many of whom are disconnected from  
2 education, training, and employment opportunities.

3 (2) Special attention should be drawn to the need for greater  
4 targeting of resources, expanding learning opportunities, and  
5 capacity-building efforts in under-performing schools where the  
6 greatest number of boys and young men of color are found.

7 (3) Attention should also be drawn to the need for greater  
8 accountability for effective accelerated learning opportunities in  
9 alternative schools, such as continuation high schools and  
10 community day schools, in which African American and Latino  
11 youth comprise more than two-thirds of the enrolled pupils.

12 (4) High school graduation with completion of the courses that  
13 are required for college admission is an essential platform for  
14 successful postsecondary education, employment, and career  
15 opportunities that provide economic security for boys and young  
16 men of color, their families, and the people of the state.

17 (b) It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation  
18 that would raise awareness of the career training resources that are  
19 available to high school pupils.